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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1652



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

O'DONOHUE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/621,448

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For: **Methods for Producing L-Amino  
Acids**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

*Attn: Box AF*

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated January 25, 2002 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 13), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
  - (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.
- 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying